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I would write something about sulking but can't think of anything right now. I have sulked in the past but it was only about my little brother. Your magazine is really awe—inspiring. I'm all shy now so I'll go.

From Kerry McCloud

Letters

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Dear Grills at Shocking Pink,

Just 'a few lines (courtesy of my works' posh typewriter) to say how marvellous, amusing, tacky and offensive your publication is. We need more of this type of reading material as far as I'm concerned, and I'm even prepared to subscribe, much as I dislike conformity.

I purchased a copy of your magazine whilst in a very pissed and benevolent state at the Fallen Angel. However I didn't get to read it until this morning on the train to work. Have you ever had a fit of hysterical laughter on the Northern line with irate commuters barely concealing their contempt? I'm telling you it made my day. My best friend Jess and I were thinking of an alternative



'Bunty', with a view of telling the real story behind the four Marys relationship, why Toots is so called, and liberating Wee Slavey from her demoralising position by having her win the pools. Sounds good huh? We might actually get round to realising this ambition one fine day, but until then, your publication is a wonderful alternative to the usual dross.

I shall endeavour to get my place of work to subscribe, and as I'm the burliest women on the premises—I don't forsee too much opposition, so there!

Yours in Grillhood, Virginia Burke, Infamous and stroppy woman.

Dear Shocking Pink,

Thanks for the magazine. I was impressed. However, One Just Seventeen readers MUM wrote to Just 17 to say that she was a bit shocked at the content of SP2. For this reason I can't put you in the magazine again. Best of Luck Josephine Hocking (Just 17)

Dear Josephine,
Thank you. Your letter
makes it quite clear where
Just 17 stands.
Hope you rot in some reformist bog
SP2

"We're gonna really offend a lot of people with this issue." — Words of wisdom from mother computer.

Dear SP2,

I am at present researching a journalism dissertation on news values, routinisation and misrepresentation in the context of gender. I would(SP2 says what the fuck does this mean?)

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THE PM has the hottest line in the land — so if you want a chat with Maggie, be ready to hold — or else say you're Reagan for a really fast result. Cest 44p

Dear S.P.2,

I enjoyed the first issue of your magazine but I thought there was an excessive emphasis on sex and romance. I realise that this is important to many women but it is not the be all and end all. It seems that we are pushed towards sexual or romantic relationships when we could be having an equally good time with friends. Women can often find emotional closeness with good friends in relationships which have fewer complications than sexual relationships and romantic entanglements. Above all we must remember who are friends are. Yours, Bridget Deutsch.

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Dear Bridget,

We do agree with you to some extent. Women are pressurized into sexual relationships especially with men. We much prefer cycling, sulking, chocolate and DMs to having a quickie and try to put sex into perspective with this. We promote lesbian sex because we are not funded by local government and because most other vouna women's magazines don't.

We try not to over emphasise it but we also don't want to ignore the issue completely. Sex? there are much more serious things to worry about like the capitalist system etc.

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You may have noticed that this issue is a wee bit different from the last. This is due to the fact that East End Offset have printed it this time and will be doing so from now on (we hope). Printing it ourselves took far too long and Frances nearly clapsed from mental exhaustion. Kiss Kiss to her and don't worry you won't have to do it again.

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To make certain you get your next issues of SP2 send us a cheque/PO payable to Shocking Pink 2, (£2.40 for 4 issues) to: Shocking Pink 2, c/o The South London Women's Centre, 55 Acre Lane, Brixton, London SW2. Do it today before it is too late.

Please remember that institutions pay £4.80, and remember to tell us which issues you already have (this is issue two) so we don't send you the wrong one. The first issue is still available if you missed it (60p) and is well worth getting as it's a potential collectors item! If you live overseas please send us quite a lot more money to cover postage.

I ACREE. IN EARLY MEETINGS WE WERE ALL DETERMINED TO EMPHASISE. THAT RELATIONSHIPS ARE SO MANY DIFFERENT SORTS NOT BASED ON SEX. ESPECIALLY THAT LESBIANISM IS NOT HAVING SEX WITH GIRLS/WOMEN', IT'S LIKING/LOVING/WANTING TO BE WITH OTHER GIRLS/WOMEN,

PRESSURISING PEOPLE INTO SEXUAL RELATION SHIPS OF ANY KIND IS BAD.



Shocking Pink is wondering, are we the only voice of 'young women' in the feminist movement in the U.K.

WHERE ARE YOU?!

PLEASE write to us, talk to us, communicate! We are isolated and out on a limb. The Women's Centre is at 55 Acre Lane, Brixton, and we meet there on a Sunday at 4.30pm, or Fridays at A Woman's Place, Hungerford House, Embankment at 6pm - Please come along, don't be shy, we know you're out there somewhere!

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A FEW THOUGHTS O.K. so our last editorial wasn't that fan-

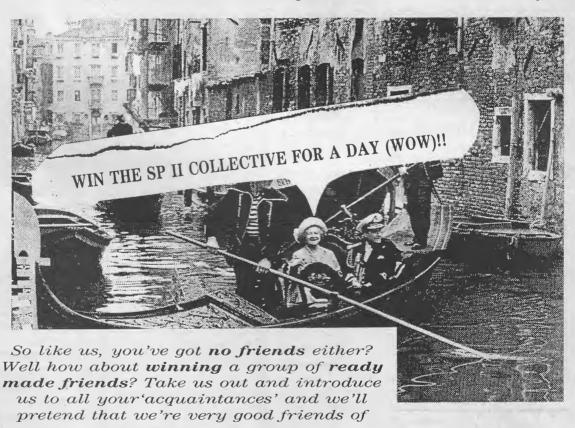
O.K. so our last editorial wasn't that fantastic, this issue we want to say how pissed off we are with the two bills going through parliament. The first, David Alton's to reduce the abortion time limit to 18 weeks is disgusting. His real aim is to ban abortion completely and he doesn't hide this fact.

FOR GAWD'S SAKE ANY YOUNG WOMEN OUT THERE START MOBILISING TO STOP THIS BASTARD (dykes included). They're demos springing up all over the place, go on them, shout a lot, send Alton a letter bomb, smash the windows of any M.P.'s surgeries who you know support Alton, write graffiti on buses and trains saying what a fuck-head you think Alton is. Don't let this shit get away with it. Basically it's a blatant witch-hunt against us (interesting fact coming up-did you know that in state Georgia, US, oral and anal sex is illegal? this has so far only been used to invade the privacy of lesbians and gays). The government are going to ban the promotion of lesbians and gays (so much for OUR liberal democracy). The ruling class want to up-hold the idea of the 'family' in society because its a cheap way to produce more labour to work for THEM and get

more profits. The responsibility of bringing up a kid is placed on the parents. We believe that this should be a collective responsibility. People should be brought up in communities, there should be no private property, the world is ours by birth alone. Sorry I'm straying off the point, all I want to say is DON'T LET THIS HAP-PEN TO US—GET UP OFF YOUR ARSE AND START DOING SOMETHING!

The other thing that's really pissedus off is this british nationality act. THE WORLD BELONGS TO NO ONE AND EVERYONE. People should have the right to live where they want to. Just because there's a few drops of water between two bits of land, or because people have a different colour skin, doesn't mean that they should be treated differently from someone who just happened to be born on a different piece of land.

Despite appeals for more Queen Muns in the 2nd issue this is the only one, and rather small at that. Buy issue 3 and maybe there'll be more (Sorry)



Complete the following sentence in no more than 10 words.

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M um was still. Her hand held mine tight. Too tight. Though I didn't pull away, the hurt wasn't half as bad as the hurt I was feeling for her. Her face was taut, white and tear-stained. Her morning fresh curls had disappeared, the straight hair now hung onto her roots for dear life. I looked at her face, the bruise which was an hour old began to show its true colours. Her simple blue dress was stretched and ripped in various places. Was this the beautiful woman so many of my friends admired, was this my mother?

The cold breeze hit both of us; I felt mum twitch beside me, she had come out of her trance. She dropped my hand and held my shoulder. We'd

My bruises can match mum's-but they're not displayed on my face. Don't tell mum about this. Its **OUR** secret, just between us. don't cry, I don't make a sound - for your sake mum. I don't want you to come and rescue me .. not when you're safely under the covers..

walked a long way, weaving our way through the dead streets, wrapped in our thick coats, but that didn't ston the spiteful wind blasting at our faces, nor did it stop the pain in our legs.

'It's just for the night,' a shaky voice. Her brown eyes stared ahead at the huge building. Its four viewing windows looked like two pairs of eyes. Even so, in the dreary dark you could sense the building's sadness, reflected in whoever came there. Mum picked up the case containing some clothes, thrown in during a fit of anger and haste. Anger because of what he did, haste in case he tried to ston us We needn't have worried, he didn't do anything, just stood there hoovering in the kitchen. Surely if he loved her, loved me, he would have tried to stop

It was me who reached out to open the door, it was me who first stepped inside the warm passageway, only another small door to go through and we'd be in. Mum's hand slipped from my shoulder, for the first time I realised how much the contact with her had supported me. I was fourteen, sensible, but the new surroundings, the whole point of us being there, made me feel like five years old, wide eyed and so very helpless.

Mum pushed the door open. We were inside. It was then that I wanted run, turn back, fight my way through the dead streets until I found my way home. This couldn't be me and mum staying here. If we went home now dad would be his old self, and he'd promise not to do it again. Yes that's what he'd do...he'd promise not to beat mum, not to pull her around the room. He'd promise not to come to my room when his temper was still hot, while I pretended to sleep, mum hiding tightly under the covers in her room, her eyes shut tight, her ears blocked up, her breathing silent, while she lay there,

scared, shiverring after her beating, for if she moved, made a sound, she knew that there was no one to come. When he left my room my bruises could match mum's, but they were not displayed on my face. I didn't cry, I didn't make a sound - for your sake mum. I didn't want you to come and rescue me, not when you were safely under the covers... so I just lay there.

A lady appeared from an inside doorway. I couldn't describe her, because she was all misty, because I was crying now. Mum's arms came around my shoulder; that loving feeling came back which we both needed. I'll tell mum about dad, not now though, much, much later. He's slipping away from my mind, further and further. I can't see him, and I don't want to see him again, but if I ever do, all I will ask is 'Why?'



are no matrilineal societies.

But then the next day I (Jo) met Rachel who had just come back from Thailand where she had been staying with the Karens who are ... guess what? A Matrilinear group. The family Rachel stayed with were the grandmother (whose house and land it was) and her 10 children (9 men and 1 woman). The 9 men had all gone off to other families to get married and the daughter stayed there with her husband and 2 kids.

The ritual of marriage is that the prospective husband comes to live with the family of his 'intended' for a period of 2 years which is a trial to see if he will be a good enough husband. If he passes he can stay.

When married the man and woman take turns looking after the kids and working in the fields and the woman owns all the property.

So we reckon that a matrilineal society is one where women have the power because they own the land and her daughters are more important than her sons. And they do exist, because Rachel says so. Ha!

So there we are. There ARE Matrilinear societies in the world and obviously the anthropologists who write books about things are all complete shitheads who want to keep us women in ignorance about our more dominant sisters in case perhaps we complain.

Advice, support and temporary comodation for Asian women with children and Young Women suffering from violence or threat of violence. 27 Santley St, London SW4 7QF. Tel; 01 737 5901 or 274 8854 (ansaphone).

WHAT'S HAPPENED:

-Write and tell us of anything that's happened in your area, or that you hear of, in Britain and other countries. We're particularly interested in protests and young women and people fighting back against all the shit that they get.

ABORIGINAL AUSTRALIANS

London

In 1980 two young women from Kings Heath, Birmingham, were taken to Yemen & sold in marriage for £1,300 each by their father. Nadia & Yana; then aged 14 & 15, & their mother knew nothing about their fathers plan until they arrived. They were forced to have sex with their husbands & kept seperate from each other. Their mother, Miriam Ali, engaged in a seven year struggle with the authorities in Britain & the Yemen to get her daughters back, but until Dec. 87 she seemed to be getting nowhere. Over Christmas though, some headway seemed to be made & countless papers gave the story headline coverage. By the time this issue comes out hopefully the matter will have been resolved, & the two women and their children will have been allowed to return home.

However, the issue here is not just the subordination of women by men, or the battle Miriam Ali was forced into with the two states concerned (or unconcerned). The whole case illustrates perfectly the hypocritical attitude of the media, the state & the British public in matters of nationality. Deportation is a major fear for many Black people living in the UK. The Nationality Act, under which people can be forced to leave Britain even if they have children & families here, is just one example of state racism. People should be allowed to live wherever they want, regardless of their colour or place of birth. So when the Press starts talking about "British girls" fighting for the right to return to their "homeland" - ask yourself: who decides who's British?

There's a familia saying, 'lesbians ar everywhere', and new has just reached us a Shocking Pink 2 of a les bian centre in Japan The Regumi Stud Tokyo (R.S.T.) opene on March 1st 1987. Th aim of the centre is stop lesbians feeling isolated, so they organize activities, hold partie and provide a help-lin At the centre there also a library and info mation networ The idea for R.S.T. can up at a dyke weeken the idea soon caught of and 20 Japanese le bians of all ages got i volved with the plannin A suitable place for the centre was found as within 4 months R.S. opened its door The dyke weeken started in November '8 They are organised different groups volunteers and happ every 3 or 4 month The activities vary a range from worksho and discussions to li music and videos. O of the highlights of t weekend being a tra tional Japanese co munal bath before be time. Sounds like a go idea to me! Does anyo know of any dy weekends a bit closer hom

If you have any news information about I bians around the wo please send it S.P.2. here at SP (2) we've j remembered that were going to take a v to Amsterdam o Christmas. Well, very fortunately the whe have fallen off our v (what do you me 'OUR VAN'? Thats first I've heard about having a van-the typ and the axle is quite r ty, so we'll have to v

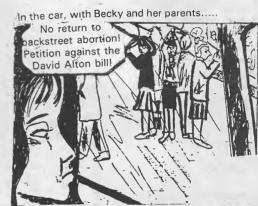
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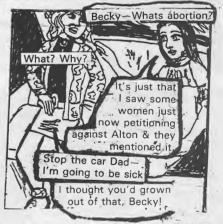
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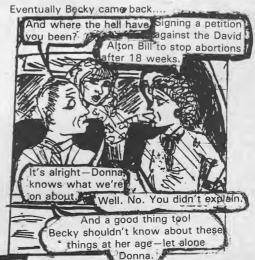






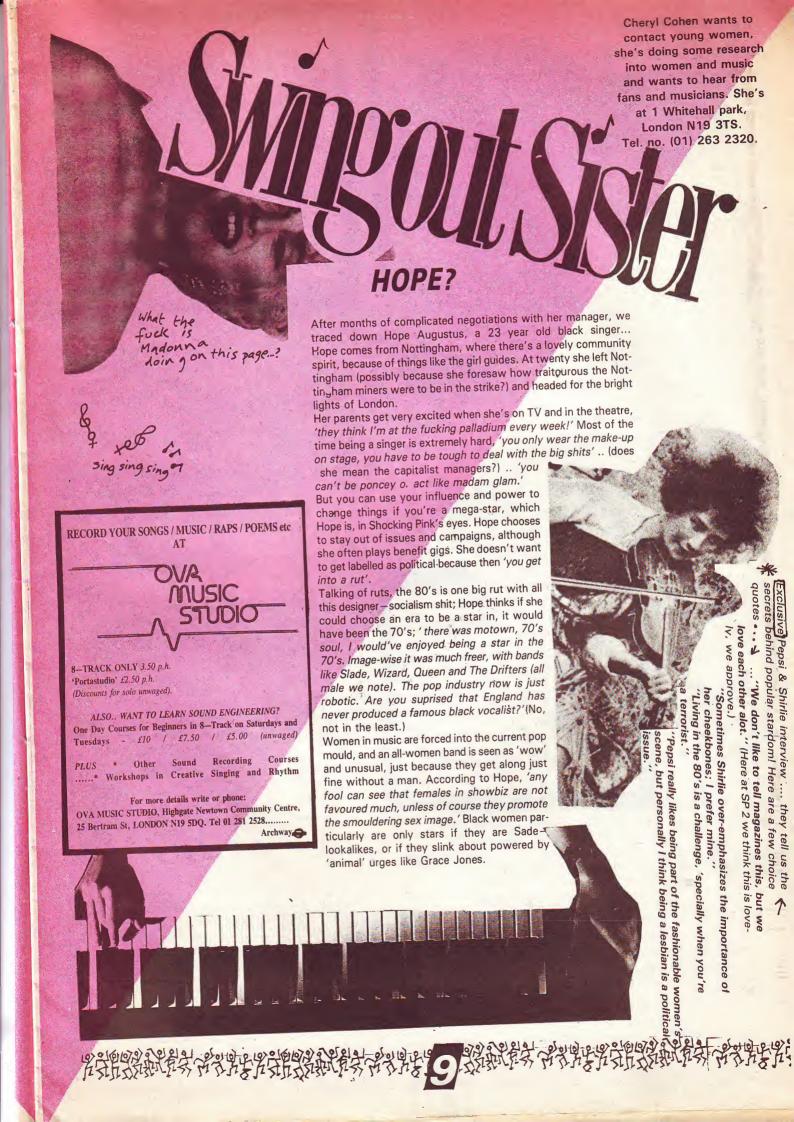


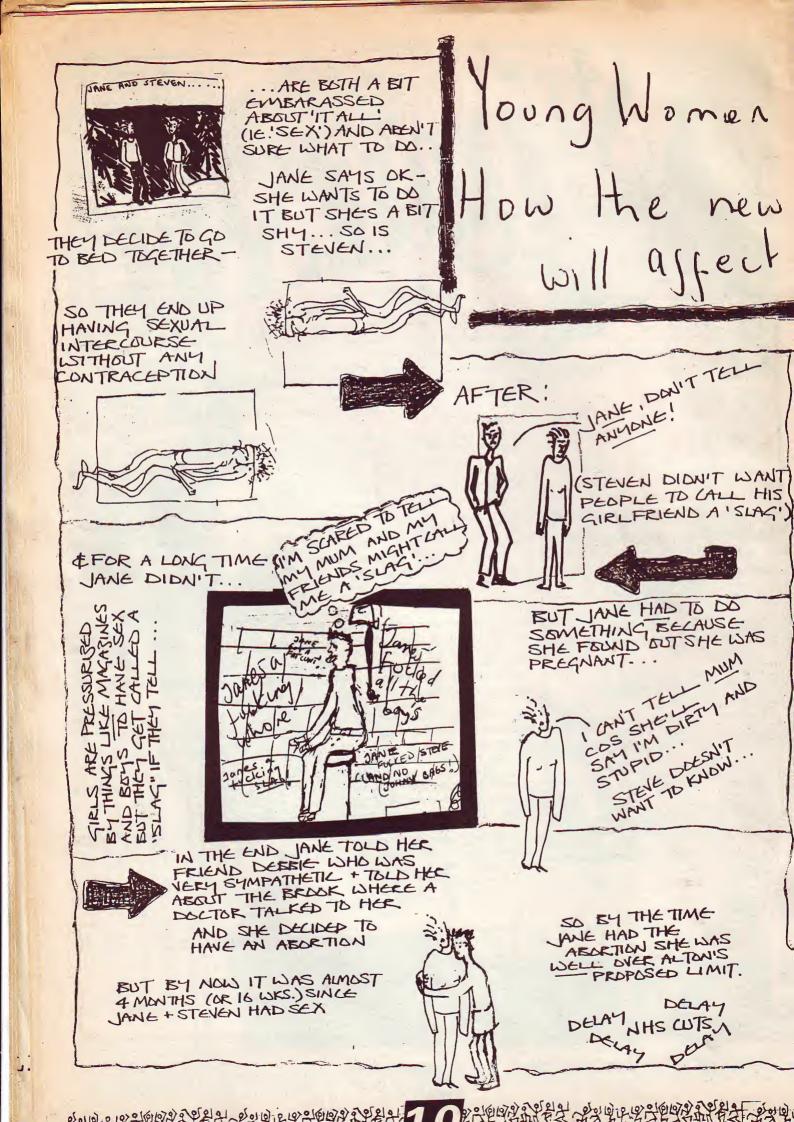












Fight it and Bill you's



OUR BODIES OUR CHOICE

SHOULD WOMEN GO TO PRISON FOR HAVING AN ABORTION?

NO REDUCTION IN TIME LIMETS



THIS WOULD MEAN
A return to backstreet abordion
Women forced to continue unwanted pregnancies
Women sent to prison



YOUNG WOMIN FIGHT IT!!

HOW THE NEW ABORTION BILL WILL AFFECT YOU!

The new abortion bill, as we've mentioned before is yet another attack on womins rights. It is proposed by David Alton (lib MP) that the abortion time limit be cut to 18 weeks from 28 weeks as it is now.

This means that if you suddenly find you're pregnant, and you don't think you can cope with 18 years of motherhood with all its problems, then government says, 'tough shit'. If we don't stand and fight this bill now, back street abortions could be the only alternative for many working class womin in the future.

Some facts prior to the 1967 Abortion Act

- ★ In 1938 a Sheffield womun was sentenced to 21 months hard labour for performing 8 abortions on womin.
- ★ A common result from back street abortions was a slow death from sceptecemia followed by acute blood poisioning.
- ★ In 1939 a working class Derby womun with 10 kids died after an illegal abortion. She was 36 and had spent most of her married life pregnant or recovering from pregnancy.

This issue is not, is abortion right or wrong?, but it is a question of a womuns right to choose.

CAN WE ALLOW OUR REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS TO BE TAKEN AWAY FROM US!?



REDUCE DELAYS NOT TIME LIMITS!

NB: BY THE TIME SP COWES OUT ALTON MAY'VE BEEN DEFEATED ...

Join your local FIGHT ALTONS BILL GROUP:

FOR MORE INFORMATION PHONE FAB/WRRC - 01-490-0042
P&P Women's Reproductive Rights Campaign,
52-54 Featherstone St. London EC1Y 8RT

out 'n staying out

A new Homosexuality clause (27) had its third reading on Tuesday the 15th of December. Whilst the clause was being debated, Gay rights campaigners booed the bastard tory MPs, and for the first time in 23 years the people in the gallery were thrown out on to the streets. The Clause will make it illegal for councils to fund or support anything for Lesbians and gays. It will also be illegal to show any positive images of homosexuality in schools. This would mean that there would be no services whatsoever for lesbians and gays (no books, groups, pride carnivals etc)

For more information on how you can get involved in the campaign against the bill, contact O.L.G.A. LAGER

Room 203, Southbank House, Black Prince Road, London SE1 7S.

For information on the NUS Lesbian and Gay Campaign contact the Convenors. NUS Nelson Mandela House 461 Holloway Road London N7 61J Tel 01 272 8900

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'A local authority shall not

(a) - promote homosexuality or publish material for the promotion of homosexuality.

of homosexuality;

(b) promote the teaching in any maintained school of the acceptability of homosexuality as a pretended family relationship by the publication of such material or otherwise;

(c) give financial or other assistance to any person for either of the purposes referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) above.

THIS IS THE CLAUSE AS IT STANDS ...

Page 27, line 39 (Clause 27), at end insert -

2A) Nothing in sub-section (1) above shall be taken to prohibit the doing of anything for the purpose of discouraging discrimination against any homosexual person, or designed to protect the civil rights of any such person.'

THIS IS THE AMMENDMENT (WHICH WAS DEFEATED...)

THIS IS
WHAT
LESBIANS
AND GAY
MEN
STAND
TO LOSE.

A last minute clause to the Local Government Bill passed at the committee stage on Tuesday at the House of Commons will, if it becomes law, mean:

the abolition of all local authority lesbian and gay units
 the collapse of lesbian and gay voluntary

services primarily funded by local councils

the closure of places like the grant-aided lesbian

and gay centres

the end of the right to use local authority

services for conferences and events

the banning of material in schools giving

accurate information about homosexuality

the gagging of lesbian and gay teachers who will
be prevented from speaking out about their lives

the end of local authority funding for any gay

Michael Howard, Minister for Local Government, derided a book called Faultline, which he said had been listed in an ILEA bibliography, about a family of a lesbian mother, her lover and a black childminder, living with their children "and 300 rabbits".







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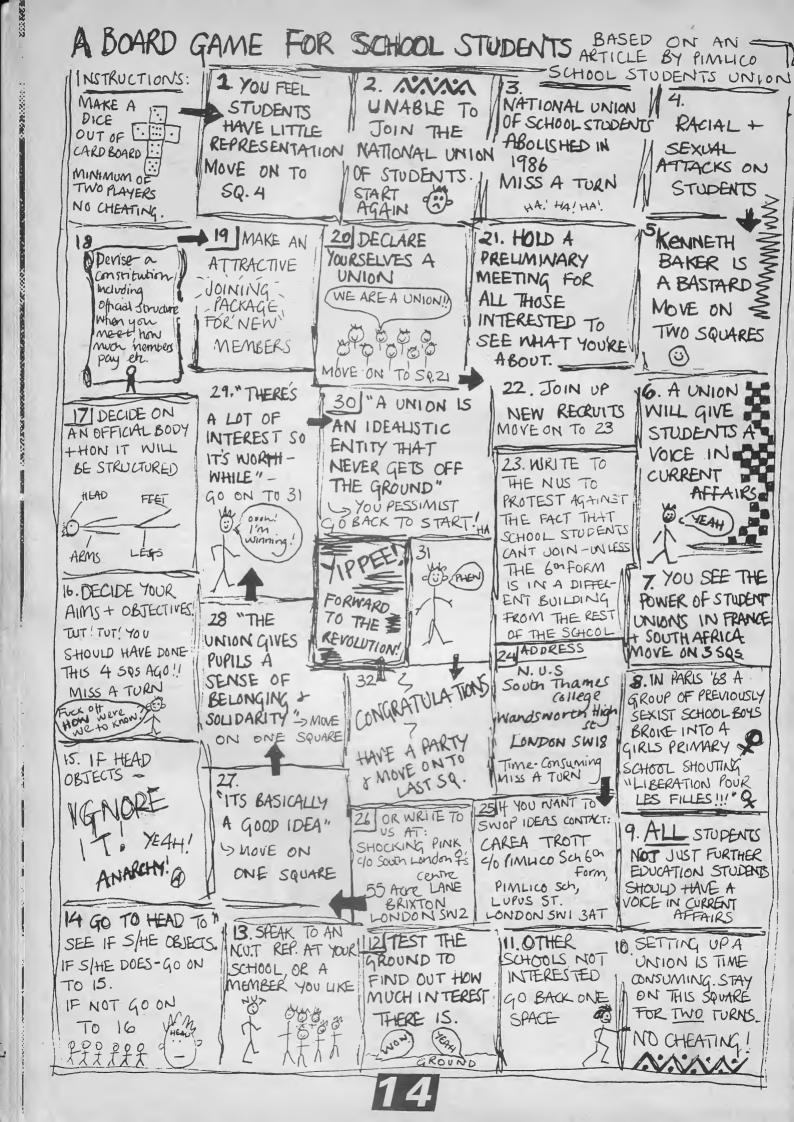


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Kevin Harris. This book is about
Kevin Harris. This book is a crap
Witnesses on a Saturday morning.

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Dictators



"You can't really afford not to have one"

'What can it be?' you cry ... It is, of course, yet another fashion item being sold to you; this time the little black dress.

I seemed to have managed quite well for fifteen years without one, but suddenly I'm told I must have one because it's the 'in thing'. For how long will it be 'in', I wonder? Is this really a free society? Sometimes it seems like we are living under a dictatorship.

Pick up any popular teen mag and you'll find in it a whole list of appearance rights and wrongs, images which are 'in' or 'out' and a whole multitude of tips to enable you to be hip. Special editions boast, 'this week we show you how to look like your fave star..' Oh big wow! Is it really necessary to to know how to transform yourself into a Pepsi and Shirlie lookalike?

Those magazines seem to think so, and they'll tell you, 'patch your jeans for extra street cred.' Yet only a month later when the new seasons fashions begin to fill the shops, the hypocrits will announce, 'put those tatty old jeans back in the wardrobe, pleated skirts are the order of the day.'

It's just mass advertizing, conning impressionable teenagers into the belief that new fashion products are essential, so that the fashion industry can make money, thrive and manufacture yet more products giving the magazine something more to write about next week. But have you seen the prices? WE all know fashions change with the weather. It's becoming harder and harder for ordinary people to afford these supposed essentials, and look at the lengths people will go just to obtain the latest expensive style.

The magazines are obsessed with telling us how the world is—hair must look like this, girls and boys do this, families are like this, etc etc -- creating stereotypes and pigeon holes for people to fit into. They are using their communication power to indoctrinate a generation.

Yet if you turn to the problem pages and advice columns of the same mags you find people who are suicidal because they are gay, handicapped, not the spitting image of the model of the model on the cover, or because they can't master the new eye-shadow technique featured in last week's publication. At this rate the world will soon be taken over by the empty-headed likes of Mandy Smith, and there will be no individuals left.



Nick Knight (Photographer)



Caryn Franklin (Fashion Editor)



Martine Sitbon

(Fashion Designer)

Jean_Paul_Gaultier (Fashion Designer)



Simon Foxton (Stylist)

PEACEFUL

PUNKS

'We've got our first gig on Friday—you've got to go! You will go won't you? And bring as many mates as you can. It's down the Devil's Boot. See ya!'

'Yeah sure I'll go—I won't get beaten up will I though?' I shrieked as they started sprinting away, bursing with excitment and alcohol.

'No, they're peaceful punks and hippies; you'll be alright.' And they were gone. I had to go really, I'd known Matt since playgroup and he was nice, so I felt I owed it to him. I, by the way, am a short and weedy looking Pakistani girl. I've never been beaten up as such, but I've been spat at a couple of times, and pushed about and had a few other experiences, minor, but nasty enough thank you. So I had my doubts about anyone who looked vaguely menacing. Tim and Matt both had mohicans, but they just looked sweet. They had sort of fluffy lumps of multi-coloured curls, stuck in a line along their heads. I decided to risk it; I would go the gig, but I was going to take a lot of mates with me. Anne, Kirsty (she was big), Alison and Julie (she does judo), all agreed to go.

Friday night approached, I wasn't terrified or anything but I had a niggly little worry in the back of my mind, of ending up in hospital with broken arms and legs and ribs...

'I don't want to go in! Look you lot go and I'll just sit out here, ok?'

So they just grabbed my arms and shoved me in through the door telling me I was paranoid and I'd never get through life treating everyone as my potential assassin. The girl at the door smiled at me as she took my money and stamped my hand with a library thingy: September 24th; my cat's birthday. There were an awful lot of tall people in there. They looked pretty scruffy and their hair was either cultured into weird shapes and dyed with rainbow colours, or just dyed black and left dangling about.

It shocked me but I knew half the people there. They'd gone to my school (grammar) and had an average of ten 'O'Levels each.

By Nain.

"This is very moving and upsetting and will stir a lot of people." Tanya.

I didn't know the girl sitting next to me, but she offered me a fag and asked me to stand up for a minute because I was sitting on her coat. She seemed harmless enough actually. Tim and Matt's band were on next. They were really good, dead loud and I couldn't hear a single thing other than their music. Anne and me went to buy a drink and got chatting to some friends. There were some lads standing nearby—their hair was pretty amazing and their clothes were sort of scruffy looking, but if you looked closely, you could see that everything they had on was really clean and ironed, and ripped quite tastefully. They smelt nice too, I thought I detected some 'Lacoste' aftershave!

I wondered fleetingly how I would look with a hairdo like that, and with every square centimetre of my ear pierced. My mum wouldn't like it. She wouldn't kick me out or anything but she wouldn't take me shopping with her ever again, I know that much. My gran has got high blood pressure and if she ever saw me, it could do her irreparable damage. She'd start to pray for me, and blame it on the insanity that runs on my Grandad's side of the family.

No one had done any damage so I decided I was going to come to another one of these gigs, as soon as possible. A couple of weeks later, I met Matt down the High Street.

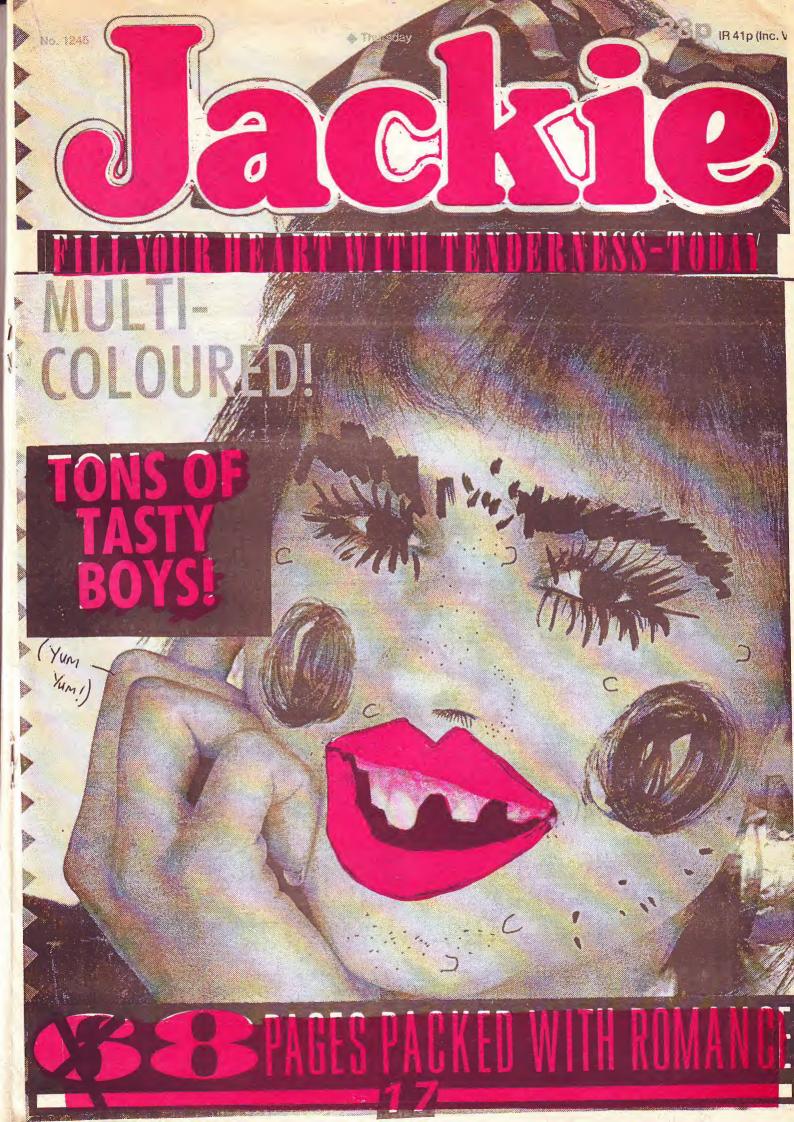
'What's this then?!' and he prodded my nose. I blushed. I had a brand new 24 carat gold stud through my nose. Well, my gran wouldn't mind, she shouldn't anyway 'cos back in Pakistan all my aunties and cousins and both my Grans have got theirs done too.



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Dear Ellie, From the age of eleven, when I put aside my Bunty comic for the last time (a historic occasion) I was introduced to a deadly farce, an alien being I'd never encountered before. Years have passed (well two) and I grew attached to this alien being ... now I can't even pass a newsagent door without buying one. Yes, I read Jackiel Helpl

Worried Jackie reader.

worried Jackie

only solution before you're drawn completely into the sugar-candied world of photo mags is to subscribe to Shocking Pink. Go to your doctor and she'll be able to help you, also don't forget to tell your mum. I know that you don't want to, you say that she'll be angry but she'll also be able to help you through this difficult period in your life. Ellie.

Dear Ellie.

I'm very interested in the ideas of feminism, especially the marxist analysis of the oppression of women in society. I'm thinking of becoming an anarchosydicalist, although maybe revolutioary socialism is the real answer. Can you help? Anxious, Birmingham.

Dear anxious, I'm sorry I don't know what you're talking about. My best advice to you would be to go and buy lots of make-up, mini-skirts and to forget about these very strange ideas you have. It's probably just a phase you're going through as you're at a very impressionable age. If the symptoms persist go and see a psychiatrist.

Dear Ellie, I think I'm abnormal. I'm a 14 year old girl and I fancy my best friend at school. I haven't told her how I feel because I'm afraid that she won't talk to me again. Ashamed, Scotland.

Dear Ashamed, Yes you're completely abnormal but don't worry, this phase that you're going through will soon pass and you will start going out with lots of hunky blokes (unless you're really ugly).

Problems, problems ... we all have them, but if yours are too much to bear you can always ask my advice (not that I'll be able to help. Just look at me I work for Jackie that's enough to drive anyone crazy). Write to Dear Ellie, Jackie. Don't forget a stamped addressed envelope if you want a personal reply.

Dear Ellie, I have so many spots and I don't know how to control them. I've tried creams and lotions but they didn't seem to work. Can you help? Ah-Ha fan, Plaistow.

Dear Spotty, I'm afraid there's nothing you can do. We can't all look like the Jackie cover girls, and I think you must be one of life's unfortunates who doesn't. But I don't think that this is your main problem, your main worry should be you liking such a shitty group as Ah-Ha and reading Jackie. Ellie

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Square Round? " Not sure? None of these?

Hi there! Ever wondered how to look like the cover models in Girl? Easy, just follow our A-Z of Beauty starting this week. We give you all the tips to look good and feel fit. And when you're pleased with the result, get someonet take a photo of you and send it in to this page. If you're featured in Face to Face we'll send you £4. Sound like a good deal Then get cracking!

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This is your first read of Jackie. Thrilling, isn't it?

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No-one ever thinks Jackie will end up controlling them.

But when it does, it's not a pretty sight.

You lie, you start to live not for yourself anymore but for boys, you're even prepared to steal boys from your bestfriends.

Your face, your body and your mind get messed up.

And if you ever get tempted to go out with a boy (which a surprising number of people do) you're in danger of catching AIDS.

If that happens, that could be your whole life down the toilet.

JACKIE ISN'T WORTH IT

Sindy's Fashion Fun



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Don't feel bored this month, a new hobby will cheer you up & make life more interesting. Why not take up shop-lifting?

A political crisis is

Mar 21st-Apr 20th

Apr 21st-May 22nd

Unlucky numbers this month are 47, 36b, 185, 54, & 112. Watch out for buses, especially if you live in or around Lewisham.

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Life in the fast lane is getting too much. Devote your time to setting up a women's refuge.

Oct 22nd

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Nov 21st

Your girlfriend will ditch you this week and start going out with your sister.

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Nov 22nd-

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SECTIONS

You've been trying for weeks to get the Aliens 2 video. Go to the corner shop tomorrow, it will be there.

Ever since Xmas you've been a complete pain in the neck. All your friends will abandon you this week but don't blame THEM

GAPRICORN

In a valiant attempt to do a good deed vou offer to volunteer at the feminist library three times a week.

I don't know why you think you're so cool. Have you considered a career in Albania? Like hell you have, you boring bastard.

Jan 21st

Feb 19th

Feb 20th Mar 20th

Dec 23rd-

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AQUARIUS

A girl's best friend is a girl's best friend. A mate is giving you a hard time over that new boy of yours. Take her advice & ditch him before SHE ditches YOU.

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Look you're lucky enough to be going out with a SHOCK-ING PINK reader; don't expect her friends to like you too.

You realise how important it is to strengthen the women's network You rush off to

phone Women In Manual Trades (251. 91921 because vou need some plumbing

> Everyone seemed so happy then.

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Remember if in doubt anything right of the labour party is fascist.

TAURUS

Don't wash, your hair this month, it's not worth the hassle. Buy a hat and spend the time you gain on something more worthwhile like writing for SP2.

be getting on your

nerves but don't

take it out on them.

Take it out on a

complete stranger

who can't stop

You will meet a

member of the IRA

at your best friends

birthday party and

become a terrorist

this month.

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You will discover that you are a lesbian this month. This dramatically change your whole

GEMINI May 23rd-Your parents may June 22nd

Complicated family loyalties make it difficult for you to scrounge your girlfriend's pocket money this month. Try busking or juggling in Hyde Park.

GANGER June 23rd-July 22nd

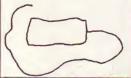
Your period is late, don't worry, you're synchronising with girlfriend. vour

Aah, how sweet.

LEO

If your period lasts 3 & a half weeks this month ignore snide remarks from PE teachers & take a day off to campaign against VAT on sanitary protection. (It might be worth doing this anyway considering you're going to spend approx. 1,920 days of your life bleeding).

Don't be upset if your suggestions to play bingo are scorned. Why not be a bit more exciting you drip? Try mountaineering and pretend to be butch.



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Photo Love Monthly Magazine, Holborn Publishin

You are whelmed with a desire to produce a record, but can't find a 16 track women only sound studio ... why not ring Vicky on 254 6536 and everything will look more hopeful.

I can't be bothered to tell you what's unlikely to happen to you this month so imagine you're a LEO & write to your MP about the tax on menstruation as well.

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and lock the back door.

Remember to put

the cat out tonight

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I'VE SEEN ENOUGH

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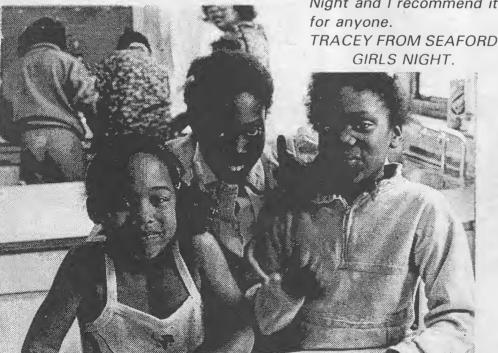
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need to take care yourself luv.





★ And why am I wearing a swimming costume?

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We got a letter from the SHOCKING PINK AND GILLICK

BEEBEESEE the other day, inviting us mainstream once again indulged in its to be on a chat show about the age of consent. WOOO, we thought, a chance to get to grips with Gillick's nasty dribblings, AND in a public place (not to mention the free booze).

Not at all-the show, Kilroy, was a chance for Bobby Kilroy Silk to sweettalk and prance about like James Bond showing off his tan. The REAL ISSUES were completely avoided, like why, for instance Kilroy has a large house, is permanently suntanned and left the Labour Party over the Militant scandal in Liverpool. What's more, the representative audience turned out to be predominantly a collection of motley schoolboys, pleasure-seeking Sloanes and Ms. Gillick's cronies

Despite Kilroy's vain attempts to control the chaos, young women with children (dismissively referred to as 'the mothers'), non-sloanes, and the sunsationalist female/male couple aged 16 and 43 respectively, were pretty

much ignored.

Sadly, the real chance for a good gung-ho knees-up debate was lost; homosexual sex was not brought up at all, so we never found out if lesbians actually exist, which is a shame because we're not quite sure. The

obsession with the mythical 'satanic man' (out to plunge into every girl's panties). Whilst incest, rape and child abuse, all of which occur in most cases within the family or friendships, weren't explored. Once again we are encouraged to believe that it is up to the law to protect a girl's sacred virginity, because she is too silly to choose for herself.

The Patsy Kensit (who?) lookalike (can't remember her name) and her sensation-kitten friend were plonked in the front view of the cameras to remind us what happens if we decide to sleep with men and we're not 16. So what does happen? Name all over The Sun and lots of publicity. Perhaps, SP 2 should try it?

Although we were almost definately dragged in as the token 'looneylefties', (we found out later that the Beeb had scripted us to talk in the show, long before we knew about it), Rifa made the day with her comment, 'People ARE going to sleep with each other whatever the law says'. She got tumultous applause and we were driven to The Fallen Angel feeling very happy

We also gave Ms. Gillick a copy of the mag and agreed we had 'a lot in common'.

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'Choices'-Cambridge House for incest survivors, (for young women and girls), 4a Gonville Place, Cambridge CB1 1DX. (0223) 314438.

CLUBS N' PUBS

Sappho's (women only), every Friday, upstairs bar at Rembrandt's Sackville street, Manchester. Open till midnight.

The Victoria (women only) Hardman street (off Deansgate), Manchester. First Sat of the month disco run by Lesbian Link. Open till 2.00 (no entry after 9.30). New York, New York, (mixed). Upstairs the Bronx, 98 Bloom

street, Manchester, open till two. The Number One Club (mixed), Central street. Manchester. Mon-Sat 10.00pm-2.00am.

Eve's Revenge, first Thursday of every month at The Fridge. Brixton.

The Fallen Angel, Graham street, Angel, London. Every Tuesday women only.

If you want to know what's on, need help, or just phone up for a chat call the Lesbian Line on 01 251 6911 (Mon and Fri 2-10pm, Tues, Wed, Thurs 7-10pm) or write to them: Lesbian Line BM Box 1514 London WC1N 3XX. Manchester Gay Youthline (under 25). Saturdays 12-4pm, Sundays 4-8pm. 061 236 6283. Advice and councelling service.

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7.30-9.30pm. Leicester 0533 470325 Wed 7.30—9.30pm.

Cleveland 0642 217955 Mon 8-10pm.

Newcastle 091 261 2277 Fri 7.30—9.30pm.

Nottingham 0602 410652 Mon-Wed 7-9.30pm.

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Staffordshire 0782 266 998 Fri 7-9pm

Sheffield 0742 581238 Thur -10pm.

York 0904 646812 Fri 7-9pm.

Leicester Mercury Leicester 512512

SEX ASSAULT SENTENCE At Crown Court, Leicester, Richard John Butler (21), upemployed, of Jubilee Gardens, Market harborough, sentenced to two years probation and ordered to pay £200 compensation effer admitting jointly indecently essaulting 14-year-old girl in shelter at Market Harborough's Memorial Gerdens.

TWO men grabbed a 14-year-old girl, and subjected her to a disgraceful indecent assault, a court was

Charles Ian Heron (30) of 2 East St, Market Harborough, received a 3 month juil sentence suspended for 2 years and was ordered to pay £200 compensation.

His co-accused Richard John Butler (21) of 26 Jubi-lee Gardens, Market Har-borough, previously admic ted the same offence and is due to appear for sentence tomorrow.

LEICS.

Dear Shocking Pink,

I enclose cuttings from our local paper the Leics Mercung which I thought you might like to print. I think it's appaling that men can get away with comes like this against girls & women. The cuttings actually have, for a change, the names & full addresses of the men responsible, so readers could take whatever action they thought appropriate. I think the problem with bricks-through-windowstype action Capart from getting caught) is that it also unfortunately hits at the female members of these shit's families if there are any. There's no justice for women is there! Yours in sisterhood,

A concerned mother.

Mr. David Price, prosecuting, said the girl had been talking to the men in a shelter while they were drinking heavily.

He said Butler exposed himself several times to the . Their decence knyer girl and when she walked so id it was horseld away Heron grabbed her from behind.

"CONGRATS ON THE NEW REVIVED SHOCKING PINK, MAY YOU LIVE FOR EVER

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Someone wrote to us asking for some info. about MOTORBIKES but

the agent on
the job hasn't
quite finished
her lovely diagrams
and explanations...
We PROMISE IT'II be
in the Next issue,
plus More manual trades



S.P. party!!!!!!!!! Saturday
20th February 88 for all the
closet lesbians in the city.
Mask party, come in fancy
dress so no-one will recognise
you. Starts at 5pm, meet outside the Embankment tube station. Come out in style!!
Dress to shock. Please note
this party will only take place
if the government hasn't
made it illegal to be lesbian,
in which case we will be
holding a women only party at
the same place and same

• March 4th; The International Socialist Revolution. It starts in Cambridge at 7.30pm. Bring a bottle and a brick. Starting at 62 Vinery Rd, off Mill Rd.

• Febuary 28th; The Reemergence of the Womens movement. Meet at 7a Kimberley Rd, Stockwell, London. at 4pm.

• March 1st; Don't go to school/work. This is a day of action preparing for the revolution. Meet at Embankment at 12.30pm. March to Trafalgar Sq. Rally includes Speakers K. Marx & R. Luxemburg. Bands Bananarama & Pepsi and Shirley.

• March 2nd; Occupy Parliament. (Women only eventsponsored by the 300 group.) By the way you might have noticed that the 300 group have stopped advertising with us. Elaine (their leader) says this is because we are TOO RADICAL. She also said that there are now 41 women in parliament, which, out of 650 MPs is 6.3%. And that women used to be 52% of the population but now they are only 51%. In her words 'of course, we haven't had any good wars to kill off all the blokes'. Personally I think this is a very flippant and cruel attitude to men and indeed to life. Anyway, it's good that they're organising this occupation of parliament. They also organise courses in public speaking and will send speakers if you want to hear what they have to say. Phone them on 01 734 3457

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• April 1st; By now the effects of the socialist revolution will be obvious. Everything you need will be free. Scientists will have developed a safe and effective form of birth control, everyone will have 4 times as much food as they need to survive, there will be no wars and no exploitation and we will all be ridiculously happy all of the time. There WILL be men around but they will not be as horrible as they are at the moment.

FREE exclusive badge to anyone who gets stuff printed in the magazine from now on. What a bargain.

SONYA! OH MY GOD, WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING!

There'll be a lot of exciting distractions for you this week but don't forget the importance of sulking.

HELLOM!



THERE'S EVERY REASON

Have you ever noticed how in other girl's magazines they're always trying to make you feel guilty about eating? They either go on and on about how NAUGHTY it is to eat certain things (but how nice they are) or else they lecture about how if we want to look 'healthy' and 'attractive' we should stick to particular diets. No one hassles men about these kind of things; slimming magazines are always directed at men too-and even if they do advise diets for men it's left up to their wives/girlfriends/mothers to supervise their eating habits. (Is your man a Flora man?).

It's not surprising that so many young women (and older ones) have eating hang—ups when all the time we're bombarded with images of the 'the perfect woman' (the what?). We're told that the way to achieve this state of perfection is to NOT EAT.





Eating is a way of showing your body that you love it and making yourself feel better, which is why a lot of women eat when they're feeling down. The only thing wrong with this is how guilty they feel afterwards—because in our society it's 'bad' for women to eat (ie. to



love themselves). Many women fall into the habit of 'bingeing'-eating huge amounts in a fit of depression, experiencing pangs of self-hate and eating again to console themselves. This vicious circle is perpetuated in the vicious treatment of women's body image in the media.

For women, preparing food is also a required social skill, which carry recipes (anymore).

of making food more interesting. It can be as creative or as functional as we choose, and as radical as we want to. It can be a way of sharing cultures and learning about other people's way of life or a way of making a point-if you're a vegetarian or vegan. Some religions have special eating rules like Kosher for Jews and Halal for

Muslims. These are importan cultural distinctions to those who keep to them.

There are even some very good books around about why it's O.K to cook, even if you believe in women's liberation. 'Sassafrass Cyprus and Indigo' is a novel abou black women, with recipes includ ed in the story from time to time and 'Turning The Tables' is feminist cookbook.

Anyway, what I really wanted to say is that it's cool to cook, and it' O.K. if you can't really decide o aren't very good at it. Just don't le anyone tell you that you definitely must or mustn't do it; especially no if their main reason is anything to do with you being a woman.



is why women's magazines always have loads of articles about cooking in them, and why radical magazines like SPARE RIB (radical? HA!—the typesetter) don't But in fact cooking is a good way

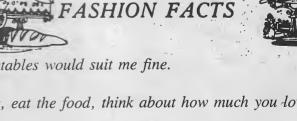
ROMANTIC CANDLELIT DINNER FOR ONE INGREDIENTS: One candle

A table and chair Crockery and cutlery Lots of things you like to eat

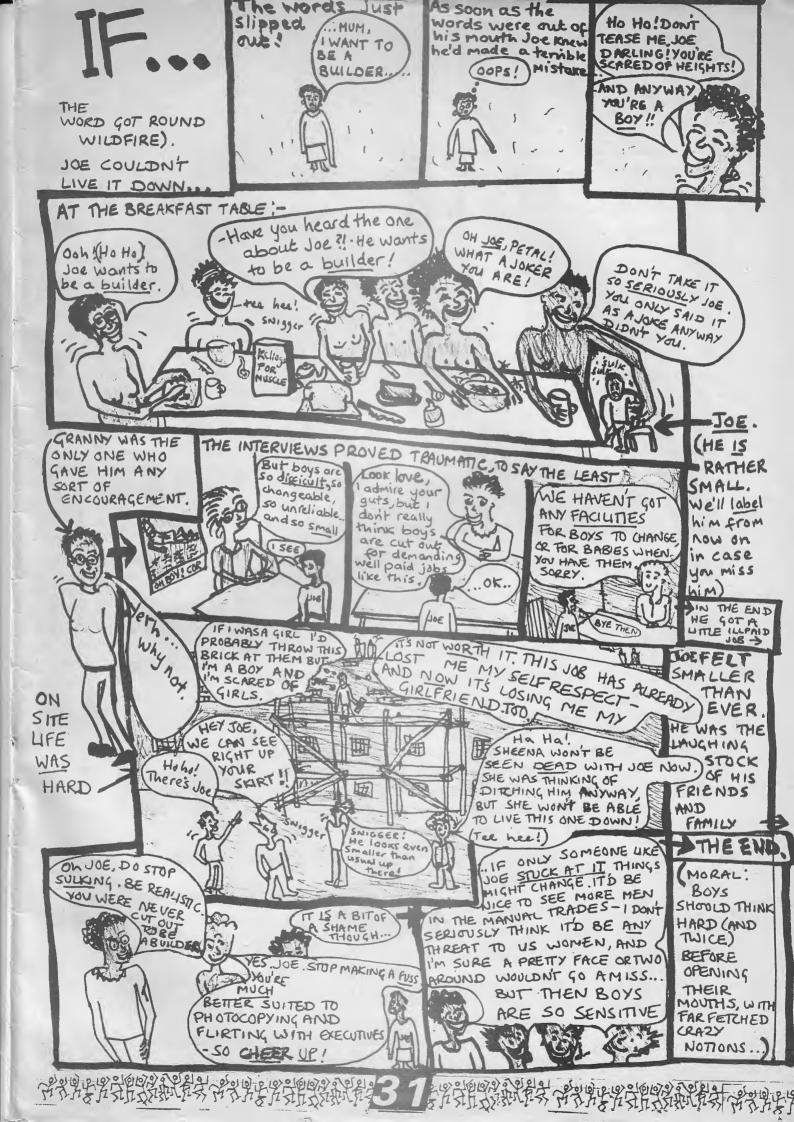
These can be cooked or uncooked—about 4lbs of raw vegetables would suit me fine.

METHOD: Lay the table, light the candle, sit on the chair, eat the food, think about how much you love yourself! BON APPETIT!

TURNING THE TABLES: recipes and reflections from women, compiled by Sue O'Sullivan. Sheba £5.50. SASSAFRASS, CYPRUS, and INDIGO: Ntozake Shange. Methuen £3.50.



FOOD, FIGURES and



WHY I CHANGED TO SHOCKING PINK.

I'm sick of pastel pink, I surprised even myself, I don't know what hit me. For years it was just the same old pink, now I find new SHOCKING pink brightens my wash with a radical sparkle.





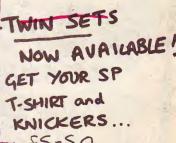
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